

Senate File 2329 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2329
BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3174)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an Iowa communications network advisory
2 committee.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK — ADVISORY
2 COMMITTEE.

3 1. An Iowa communications network advisory committee is
4 established to study and make recommendations to the governor
5 and the general assembly regarding the current and future
6 operation of the Iowa communications network. Aspects of the
7 study shall include the following:

8 a. Current usage level and capacity of the network.

9 b. Current and anticipated future operating and maintenance
10 expenses.

11 c. Options for expanding network access to public and
12 private users.

13 d. Options for forming public and private partnerships with
14 regard to ownership and operation of the network.

15 e. Leasing arrangements.

16 f. Current and anticipated future network revenue.

17 g. Current status of the network from a technological
18 standpoint and future plans and modifications to the network in
19 response to anticipated technological advancements.

20 2. a. The committee shall be comprised of the following
21 voting members who shall be appointed by the governor:

22 (1) One member representing the Iowa state association of
23 counties.

24 (2) One member representing the Iowa league of cities.

25 (3) One member representing the department of
26 administrative services.

27 (4) One member representing the office of the attorney
28 general.

29 (5) One member representing the Iowa association of school
30 boards.

31 (6) One member representing the for-profit
32 telecommunications industry.

33 (7) One member representing a municipal utility providing
34 telecommunications services.

35 (8) One member representing the cable television industry.

1 (9) Three members representing the general public.

2 b. The committee shall be comprised of the following
3 nonvoting, ex officio members:

4 (1) One representative to be appointed by the speaker of the
5 house of representatives, one representative to be appointed
6 by the minority leader of the house of representatives, one
7 senator to be appointed by the president of the senate after
8 consultation with the majority leader of the senate, and one
9 senator to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

10 (2) One member representing the governor's office,
11 appointed by the governor.

12 3. a. Sections 69.16 and 69.16A shall apply to the public
13 members of the board.

14 b. Public members may be eligible to receive compensation
15 as provided in section 7E.6. Members shall be reimbursed for
16 actual and necessary expenses incurred in performance of the
17 members' duties.

18 c. The committee shall elect a chair and a vice chair from
19 among the voting members of the board, by majority vote. A
20 majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

21 d. Staffing assistance shall be provided by the Iowa
22 telecommunications and technology commission.

23 4. The committee shall submit a report summarizing the
24 results of the study and making recommendations to the governor
25 and the general assembly by December 31, 2010.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill establishes an Iowa communications network
28 advisory committee to study and make recommendations to the
29 governor and the general assembly regarding the current and
30 future operation of the network.

31 The bill states that aspects of the study shall include
32 examining the current usage level and capacity of the
33 network, current and anticipated future operating and
34 maintenance expenses, options for expanding the network to
35 public and private users and for forming public and private

1 partnerships regarding network ownership and operation, leasing
2 arrangements, current and anticipated future revenue, and
3 technology considerations.

4 The bill provides for eleven voting members and five
5 nonvoting members. The voting members and one nonvoting member
6 representing the governor's office shall be appointed by the
7 governor. The four nonvoting legislative members shall be
8 appointed by their respective legislative leadership.

9 The bill directs the committee to submit a report
10 summarizing the results of the study and making recommendations
11 to the governor and the general assembly by December 31, 2010.